

Torrance, California
December 6, 1949

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, December 6, 1949, at 8:06 p.m., Mayor Sherfey presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith.

All persons present in the Chamber participated in the Salute to our Flag.

Mayor Sherfey announced that this being an adjourned regular meeting, the regular order of business would be dispensed with, and instructed Clerk Bartlett to open the bids on the proposed bus terminal, which were as follows:

1. Herb Allen --- no bid made --- suggested term in proposal should be for 3 to 5 years rather than 1 year with an option for the 2nd year.
2. Charlie Gotts --- 10%
3. Leslie Prince --- 10% (oral bid)

Discussion followed, resulting in a motion by Councilman Haggard that the bid of Charlie Gotts be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following communications:

Associated Oil Company's franchise report under County Ordinance No. 1351, reporting no receipts derived for the 12 months preceding December 2, 1949. Matter of record.

Letter from O'Melveny & Myers, representing Shell Oil, enclosing written acceptance of Ordinances Nos. 116, 121, 174 and 328 and County ordinances 1356 and 1502, pursuant to our Resolution No. 2021. Matter of record.

Bid of \$1275.00 for quitclaim deed from the City for portions of Lots 1, 3 and 5 of Block 125, Tract 2807. Councilman Jackson moved to reject the bid and return the deposit of \$127.50. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Wm. P. Eurtan for permission to occupy house trailer during construction work on his property. Councilman Drale moved the usual 90-day permit be issued. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Request from C. F. Riddle to sell Christmas trees at the corner of Cravens Ave. and Torrance Blvd. City Clerk advised the Council that the property owner had filed his consent in the Clerk's office. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the City Manager for action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Petition signed by 33 persons requesting repair of Roslin Avenue. Councilman Drale advised the Council that the matter had been taken care of during the past week. Councilman Jackson moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Request from M. D. Hiebert on behalf of Troop #228 of the Boy Scouts that the City forego its license fee of 50¢ a day for the sale of Christmas trees as the boys were trying to raise funds for summer encampment. Councilman Powell suggested that the matter automatic-

ally be referred to the City Manager, as was moved at a previous meeting, so that no delays would result. Letter ordered so disposed of and filed as a matter of record following disposition by City Manager.

Recommendation from the Recreation Commission that the City provide funds for temporary employment of additional personnel (2) to aid in the Basketball League as referees at \$1.50 per hour. Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Memo from the City Attorney relative to amending of City's "no Sunday dancing" ordinance. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the Council as a whole for study and that an opinion be obtained from the Chief of Police before any amendment of the ordinance was made. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Memo from City Attorney relative to establishing of minimum residential building floor area of 750 square feet. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the Planning Commission and Planning Consultant for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Smith introduced two Resolutions previously requested by the Council --- (1) re execution of Agreement with James M. Montgomery for a water survey and (2) amendment to Resolution No. 1935 to require subdividers to install street signs in their developments. He also introduced three Ordinances requested by the Council -- (1) regulation of self-service filling stations, (2) certain traffic control measures recommended and (3) amendment to Ordinance No. 249 to require one year's residence in City for police and fire department applicants. A fourth Ordinance was introduced, requested by the City Attorney, for an amendment to Land Use Ordinance No. 316 which he explained to the Council was necessary in order to convict violators of the Ordinance.

Councilman Drale, after some discussion relative to the obtaining of certain lots surrounding El Retiro Park, moved that the City make contact with the owners of said property with the idea of obtaining the lots for park purposes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Powell and discussion followed. Motion carried.

Councilman Powell moved for an opinion from the City Attorney as to the Broughton Act as it applies to oil lines in the City. City Attorney Smith advised him that all franchises granted by the City have been issued under the Broughton Act.

Councilman Powell advised he had been requested by the Planning Consultant to make a motion that the R-2 zoning of Neece Avenue be extended for 150' south of 240th Street for the reason that certain violations exist now, and moved that the City Attorney draft the necessary amendment for the Planning Commission's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

At the suggestion of Mayor Sherfey, concurred in by City Attorney Smith, Councilman Jackson moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary notice of termination for Mr. Prince and to prepare the contract to cover the proposal of Mr. Gotts relative to the new bus terminal. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Mr. Bowan, a local operator of a dry-cleaning plant, suggested that the City not issue a City permit to operate until the applicant could produce a State license in all enterprises in which a State license is required. City Attorney Smith advised the Council that the gentleman was right in his suggestion and asked that he be instructed to amend our present business license ordinance accordingly. So moved by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Drale and unanimously carried.

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Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by
roll call vote.

At 8:52 p.m. Councilman Powell moved the meeting be adjourned.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE